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(In Army and Navy Journal) Operating the first global postal system in history, the Army Postal Service is handling overseas mail which has reached a volume of over 30,000,000 individual pieces a week directed to men in every theater of war. In addition, mail for home from the men overseas has reached a total approximating 60 per cent of that which is sent overseas.

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Grasping at every opportunity for speeding delivery, the service finds the use of planes, of course to be among the most efficient of methods. No planes have as yet been allocated for the exclusive use of the service. Much air mail is carried, however, by the Air Transport Command, and during recent weeks more space has been allotted for this purpose aboard ATC planes. But the schedules of such other carriers, whether they be ATC planes, Transportation Corps vessels or others, must be carried out with an eye to their primary purpose and not as exclusively Postal Service carriers.

Realizing the importance of transmitting overseas mail by air, the Canadian armed forces postal services have obtained six planes for use between Canada and the United Kingdom. These six planes were obtained from the United States.

W. P. Mulock, Postmaster General of Canada, in a statement made 28 February before the House of Commons, said:

"As a result of personal representations made by the Minister of National Defense for Air, six Fortress aircraft were obtained from the United States to be utilized for the transportation of mails for the forces. These machines were not new but had been used in varying degrees for operation and training purposes."

"A Royal Canadian Air Force squadron was created to operate the mail service from Canada to the United Kingdom and on to the Mediterranean area, and return."

The providing of the best possible mail service at all times to every overseas area in which members of the armed forces may be situated is recognized by the War Department as one of the most vital of all morale factors. With this in mind the Army Postal Service is utilizing every means provided to speed delivery under conditions often adverse to an extreme degree.

After exhaustive study conducted by officials of the Post Office and War Departments, an agreement was entered into in March 1940, by the Postmaster General and the Secretary of War, providing for the present Army Postal Service and its operation during periods of peacetime field training and during wartime emergencies. This agreement received its first test during the period immediately following the enactment of the Selective Service Act, and during field maneuvers held in 1940 and 1941. With the

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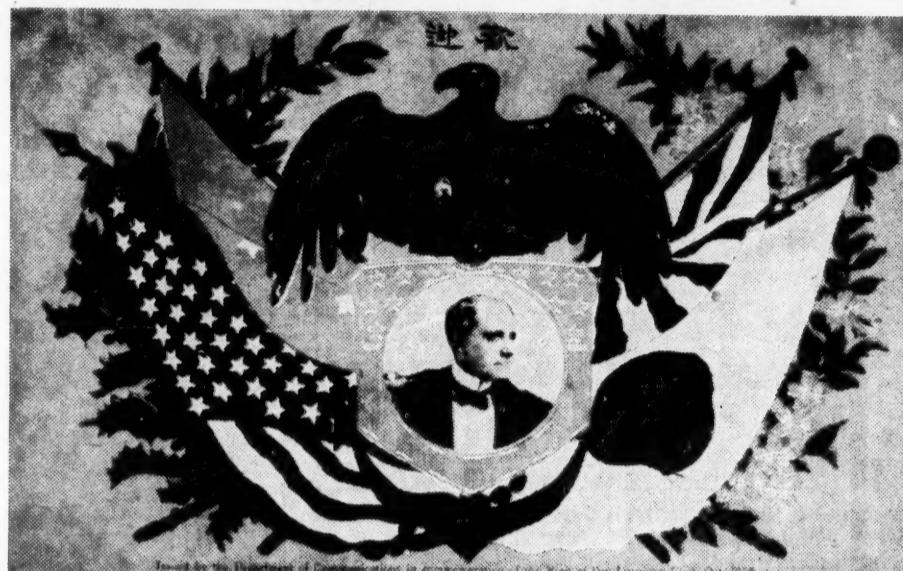
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Historic Japanese Picture Post Card



The card pictured above is submitted by Mr. Toy Huffman of Chicago who calls attention to the fact that the card is one which was issued on the occasion of the visit of the American Fleet to Japan in 1908. Mr. Huffman remarks that it is unlikely that another such card will be issued when our fleet makes its next visit there which is scheduled soon. In small words across the lower edge of this card are the words, "Issued by the Department of Communications in Commemoration of the Visit of the American Fleet Oct. 1908." The card was mailed from Japan with a 4 sen stamp, Scott number 99, to an address in North Dakota and is dated with a brief message, the date of the message is October 22, 1908. The card is an official government issued card, in fact one issued by the Japanese Department of Communications or Post Office Department. The crossed flags of the United States and Japan are shown with the American eagle, a shield with anchor below. The card is in gold, silver, red, blue, green and black and is embossed, a very elaborate one and bears an imprint on the front of The Tokyo Printing Co., Ltd.

New York Auction Dealers Support The Red Cross War Fund

A few months ago, the American Red Cross held its 1944 War Fund Drive, to which very substantial contributions were made by the stamp dealers of the Greater New York area through a specially organized committee. However, the American Red Cross has also been the beneficiary of further sums of considerable portions through the generosity and cooperation of almost every dealer holding auction sales in and around New York City.

This public spirited attitude on the part of so many of the profession has been almost entirely without publicity, and it is due time that full recognition should be given the Philatelic Auctioneers. Each has previously made a contribution, during the regular drive, and, in addition, almost every one has pledged a further contribution of one per cent of the gross proceeds of one of their current sales. Here is a list of the dealers who have made such a notable contribution to such a worthy cause:

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GOVERNMENT FRANKED MAIL

Public law 364, approved June 28, places upon the Third Assistant Postmaster General and the Controller of the Post Office Department responsibility for supervising the use of envelopes and wrappers applied to mail transmitted free from all the different branches of the government. What this means to stamp and cover collectors is not yet clear, but the matter certainly will bear watching. —Sunday Star, Wash. D. C.

J. Goldberg, Not Wm. Webb Is Editor Of The Postage Stamp Parade

In our issue of both July 13 and July 20, our printers have picked up an old electrotype heading which was used over this column for New Issue when edited by Mr. Wm. C. Webb, more than a year ago.

We have noted this error and wish to state that the column is handled by Mr. J. Goldberg an employee of the Postoffice in Chicago. We have ordered the old heading destroyed and the proper one used in the column.

Proposed Postal Notes Are Nothing New

Recent activity concerning the issue of Postal Notes for the through the mails brings a copy of one of the Postal Notes in use in this country back in 1893. This comes from Mr. Hershel E. Rankin of Memphis, Tenn.

The note is about 5 1/4 x 3 1/4 inches in size, finely engraved and has a line for date at top with space to write in dollars and cents and place for signature of postmaster of issuing office and space for signature of the person cashing the note. The notes were apparently transferable and could be cashed by anyone. They were void after three months and if lost would not be replaced. They were thus a form of currency if used as such during the three months period. When cashed, the postmaster was required to punch them. The highest amount for which these notes could be issued was 99 cents and they cost three cents each.

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Calling Hugh Clark, Catalogs Don't Agree

Mr. L. G. Boysee of Albuquerque, N. Mexico, takes his stamp catalogues seriously as is evident from a letter in which he calls attention to description in the Specialized and General catalog of United States stamps.

Mr. Boysee refers to Number 543 which is listed in the Specialized catalog as being 18 1/2-19 x 23 mm. in size whereas in the General catalog the same stamp is described as 19 x 22 1/2 mm.

Numbers 545-6 in the Specialized are 19 1/2-20 x 22 mm. and in the General catalog 19 1/2-20 x 22 1/4 mm. These same measurements are also shown for numbers 538-5.

We believe when Mr. Clark notes these differences that he will again measure his stamps and see that the figures agree for both catalogues. No thorough specialist could ever be satisfied with such differences and there is a fair chance that some of the more rabid boys might go stark mad in trying to fit their stamps to both catalogues.

Moriz Bernstein Dies In Philadelphia Home

Moriz Bernstein, long an active stamp collector and for some time past, Promotional Secretary of the Precancel Stamp Society died of a heart attack at his home in Philadelphia on Thursday, July 13th. He was 68 years old.

His precancel collection is one of the finest in existence, and his interest in stamps has made him well known to thousands of collectors and dealers.

In former years he was an Assistant Engineer in the City Highway Department of Philadelphia.

Philatelic Data On 1944-45 Duck Stamp

Stamp collectors who are fortunate enough to own a complete set of Federal migratory bird hunting stamps, more familiarly known to hunters and philatelists as "duck stamps", can now add the eleventh of this series to their collection, according to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Issued annually, the new 1944-45 stamp was placed on sale at all first and second-class post offices on July 1.

The design of the new stamp shows three white-fronted geese, part of a flock "coming in." It is taken from a drawing by Walter Weber, noted wildlife artist of Washington, D. C.

Since first issued in August 1934, duck stamps have become familiar to wildfowlers, philatelists and conservationists throughout the country. Anyone may purchase the stamp, singly, in blocks, or in complete sheets of 28 stamps. About twice the size of a special delivery stamp, the duck stamp costs \$1 each. Each year the Fish and Wildlife Service, which administers the duck stamp funds, has a distinctive design struck off.

Migratory waterfowl hunters over 16 years of age are required by law to have these stamps in their possession while hunting and each hunter must cancel his stamp with his signature.

Rated as one of the most attractive of the U. S. Revenues, the duck stamp continues to increase in popularity among stamp collectors. Although no exact figures are available, it has been estimated that some 20,000 are purchased annually by philatelists.

Back issues, previous to 1941, are exceedingly rare and hard to find due to the fact that when the stamps were first issued in 1934 the law required that all unsold stamps should be destroyed after the year of issue had expired. In 1941, however, the Department of the Interior Appropriation Act, signed by the President on June 28, carried a provision which premitted all unsold stamps to be turned over to the philatelic agency of the Post Office Department in Washington, D. C., and "there placed on sale until disposed of or until the Congress otherwise provides." Private collectors or dealers are the only source of supply for the early issues.

For the benefit of collectors, the following philatelic data on the new stamp is supplied: Color: "Red-Orange". Origin of material: Photograph of a wash drawing by Walter A. Weber, furnished by the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior. Designers: Central design by Walter A. Weber; frame and lettering by William K. Schrage. Engravers: Vignette by Matthew D. Fenton; frame, lettering and numeral by George L. Huber. The plates of 112 subjects each are numbered 155590 and 155603.

The artist, Walter A. Weber, was born in Chicago in 1906. He attended the Chicago Art Institute and American Academy of Art and was graduated from the University of Chicago in 1927. In 1928 he went to the South Seas with the Crane Pacific Expedition, as artist and ornithologist. On his return to Chicago in 1929, he joined the staff of the Field Museum. He spent six months in British Columbia studying bird painting under Major Allan Brooks.

For two years Mr. Weber was

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DOWN TO THE POINT

Your columnist, ever willing to bring you inside information, got inside the White House in Washington to get the low down on our Number One citizen's stamp collection. By the way, if the Post Office is looking for an idea for new issues, may I suggest a set of stamps, the proceeds from the sale being set aside to build a new home for the presidents of the United States. That building, when you get close to it, isn't all it's cracked up to be. As a matter of fact, that's the trouble with it. It's cracking up.

I'd sent a letter to the President's secretary Stephen Early asking for an interview with that gentleman, and when all arrangements were completed I finally got to speak to the secretary's secretary, a Mr. Blake who is a pretty swell guy himself, but a big game hunter and not a stamp collector. I explained to Mr. B. that American collectors would be interested in the highlights of their President's collection. I asked a lot of questions and got a few answers. For instance, while it is common talk that the President has a man who does nothing but care for F. D. R.'s collection, makes purchases, etc., there is no truth to the story. No one has access to his stamps but Mr. Roosevelt himself.

Mr. Blake did hand me a typewritten sheet titled "The President's Stamp Collection" and here are the highlights of it: The President commenced collecting stamps when he was eight because of his love for geography. Four years later an uncle presented him with a collection which the President's own mother had started in 1866 and which contained some of the better European stamps and some better and rarer stamps of Hong Kong.... Upon entering boarding school, young Franklin stopped collecting, but resumed when he landed at Harvard.... Because of the enormous growth of stamp issues all over the world, the President began about fifteen years ago to specialize in the stamps of North, Central and South America.... The President's collection contains about 35,000 stamps in 40 volumes.... The President in most cases retains five or six specimens of each stamp, providing he has that number, to show differences in shades and postmarks. Unquote.

I asked a lot more questions which Mr. Blake has promised to answer, namely what special collections have been brought to him by visiting dignitaries, what special covers or sheets of stamps he has, etc. It seems it isn't correct presidential decorum to discuss gifts even to you while you are occupying the White House. Seems the opposition hops onto such publicity and claims the incumbent is taking advantage of his office to increase his personal fortunes. That applies to any president, including the Republicans, if they ever get one inside the house on Pennsylvania avenue. Mr. Blake said he didn't think the president cared to talk about his collection since it is very personal with him. Mr. Blake said he probably

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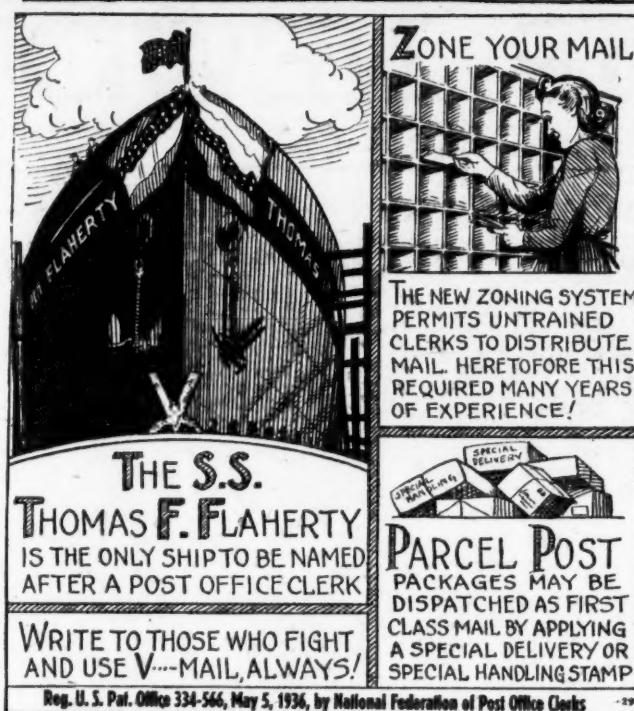
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S. S. THOMAS F. FLAHERTY IS THE FIRST SHIP TO BE NAMED FOR A POST OFFICE CLERK

On April 11, 1944, a Liberty ship was launched, named after the late Thomas F. Flaherty who was former Secretary-Treasurer of the National Federation of Post Office Clerks and who died on June 3, 1933. This is the first ship to be named after a post office clerk. The late Mr. Flaherty also acted as Legislative Representative of the N. F. P. O. C., and it was due to his activities in the National Capital that the post office clerks' union made great progress and many beneficial acts were placed on the statute books concerning salaries and working conditions of post office clerks. The N. F. P. O. C. was greatly honored by his name having been selected as the official title of a United States Merchant Ship.

ZONING SYSTEM

The zoning system was established by Postmaster General Walker and has made it possible to employ temporary post office clerks in the Postal Service who can now handle mail that required trained employees of long experience before it was put into operation.

wouldn't care to discuss his stamps any more than he would his children. I think stamps are a little less personal than kids, because I wouldn't mind telling you how my Jubilees behaved after I had applied hinges to them, I don't think I'd care to tell you how my kids have been behaving, and in the President's case that goes in spades, which is double.

Mr. Blake said the president gets a lot of covers from collectors with his name spelled out in postmarks, stamps, etc., and that people who want favors or his autograph usually send him some elaborate stamp gift. I'm positive Mr. Blake is going to send me some more stamp data, and I'll pass it on when he does, but since the President is a very eloquent speaker, I think he ought to be allowed to speak for himself, and what stamp collector doesn't like to talk about his stamps, even if he has to worry about the state this old world is in at the moment. I don't believe that Winston Churchill doesn't bring F. D. R. the latest British Colonials or that the visiting Presidents of South America don't lug along a few of those high peso stickers in their luggage. In fact a little while back, Winnie was coming over so often, I thought he was running a New Issue service. It is common knowledge that the President was in the higher income brackets when he entered the White House, and if any political party is going to make an issue out of a few little old postage stamps the President might want to talk about, they ought to stay in Maine or Vermont where they belong. I believe the President ought to be able to behave like any other collector and talk all he wants about his stamps, even if they were given to him by the King and Queen of England or anyone else. He gave them hot dogs, didn't he, and you didn't hear the Labor Party of England asking whether the sovereigns pitched a dime for every wiener?

So, how about it, Mr. President? In ten minutes we could cover an awful lot of ground and it'd give us collectors a chance to get the real low down on the excellent collection we know yours to be.

I got a kick out of how quiet I was in the White House. Everyone looks efficient and sedate and goes about his business as though he knew where he was going, which shouldn't be hard after twelve years. Didn't see my fellow columnist, Eleanor, so I assumed she must be off somewhere. The President probably misses his wife when she is away as much as she is, but it has some consolation. At least HIS wife isn't nagging him because he keeps his stamps all over the house.

I'll pass on Mr. Blake's answers to my questions and I hope the President gets to see a copy of this issue of Linn's so he knows we want to know more about his stamps.

—L. W. C.

Adolph Steeg Appointed International Secretary Of Philatelic Society

Adolph Steeg, prominent stamp collector of Buffalo, has just been appointed International Secretary of the American Philatelic Society to succeed the late Eugene Klein. Announcement of the appointment was made by the Board of Directors July 17th. Mr. Steeg brings to his new position a wide experience in philately in general and particularly in the affairs of his Society.

A lifelong collector, Mr. Steeg has served the A. P. S. in many capacities. He has been Director at Large, Chairman of the Board of Vice Presidents, and during Mr. Klein's term as President, he was International Secretary for two years. He was the first president of the Buffalo Stamp Club. In business he is the president of Theo. Steeg & Son, Inc., engaged in the general insurance business at Buffalo.

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Stamp Prices Are High In Foreign Countries Occupied By Americans

The general information concerning stamps and stamp prices in European countries occupied by our forces are that the prices are outrageously high and that stamp dealers are making every effort to milk American collectors in the armed forces of every dollar they can get for the material available.

Information concerning the set of Allied Military stamps printed in Washington for use in Italy is that the stamps were used only in Sicily and never on the mainland of Italy.

It is believed by our correspondents that the stamps are now entirely out of use. The set had a face value of just a shade under 20 cents U. S. Currency, yet we are told that Italian dealers who secured quantities of the stamps are selling at 80¢ to 90¢ per set and we are told of one offer of a set of sheets at \$80.00.

Covers are difficult to find and prices ranging up to \$1.25 for the set on covers are being asked. These are with 1944 year dates and the informant states that 1943 year dates are unobtainable.

The three overprinted Italian stamps which have been known for some time are priced at \$1.80 per set in Italy, says one correspondent while another reports these same three stamps are offered in Naples at from \$5.00 to \$7.00 per set.

Another correspondent in Italy states that the 1, 2, 3c Defense and the two later 3c Commemoratives are priced as a set of five stamps at 25¢ and 30¢ per set in North Africa and in Italy.

GERMAN WAR STAMP

The illustration below is from a stamp which has been submitted by Leonard Davis of Jacksonville, Florida. We have no information concerning it other than that Mr. Davis states it was given him by a German Prisoner of War in this country and this party stated it was a stamp which the Germans used in North Africa.



Without any further information one persons guess is as good as another's, as to how the stamp may have been used. We note a palm tree, typical of the region in which it was said to have been used also the German swastika. Since there is no wording and no figures of value on the stamp its use is unknown. It may have been used to supply stamps under German rule in North Africa or it may be a stamp which franked letters from soldiers, to the folks at home.

Should any readers have knowledge of this item, we will appreciate additional information for our readers.

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This week's column will again be devoted to a listing of all forthcoming first flights, revised and brought up-to-date, since the listing of a few months ago is now obsolete. This list is as of July 1, 1944; but I have omitted all flights which were expected to occur during the month of July. In addition, next to the route numbers, I have placed the name of the airline flying that route and the termini of that particular route. An asterisk (*) means the flight should take place within the next six weeks.

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AM-3 NORTHWEST AIRLINES
(Chicago-Seattle)

Green Bay, Wis.—Between Milwaukee and Minneapolis.

Waukesha, Wis.—Between Milwaukee and Minneapolis.

Eau Claire, Wis.—Between Milwaukee and Minneapolis.

AM-5 EASTERN AIRLINES
(New York-San Antonio)

Boston, Mass.—Northward extension from New York

Atlantic City, N. J.—New stop between New York and Washington.

Columbus, Ga.—Between Atlantic, Ga.; and New Orleans, La.

AM-6 EASTERN AIRLINES
(New York-Miami)

Boston, Mass.—Same as on AM-5.

Atlantic City, N. J.—Same as on AM-5.

AM-8 CHICAGO & SOUTHERN AIRLINES
(Chicago-New Orleans)

Bloomington, Ill.—Between Chicago and St. Louis.

AM-9 BRANIFF AIRWAYS
(Chicago-Dallas)

*Topeka, Kansas—Between Kansas City and Wichita.

AM-11 UNITED AIRLINES
(San Diego-Seattle)

Stockton, Calif.—Between San Francisco and Fresno.

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ALASKA. Information on the well guarded liquor stamps is at hand. They are known to have been issued on two colors of card: creme and violet grey.

Those known on the earlier creme card are—1/2 pt. carmine, 1 pt. deep rose, 1/2 gal. yellow, 1 gal. violet, and "Minature" green (latter 12 1/2 x 14 mm.). Those known on the violet grey card are—1 pt. blue, 4/5 qt. brown, and 1 qt. orange. All values doubtless exist on both colors of card.

The decals on the two different cards, in reality, are two separate engravings. The most noticeable feature is the three ships at the right. They are sailing away from the sun on the creme card, and into the sun on the violet grey card!

To introduce a new, and highly needed, descriptive name—I'll say that all the above stamps have a "black body"; that is, they are printed in black on a predominating colored background. This eliminates the need of repeating the color black, in describing the colors of every single stamp, thereby saving much space, typesetting etc. etc. I'll use this phrase often in the future, so please remember it's meaning.

ARIZONA. Cabot's L17 was issued, in error, with a row of perforations missing between two or more stamps. This is evidenced by four used, straight-edged (at top, copies which I have. All four have the same plate flaw in the upper right corner, and all four have been torn from the adjoining stamp on the left.

Who shall be the first to find two unseparated stamps showing the error?

CALIFORNIA. Cabot's L17 and 18 both exist with dark purple body instead of black.

(Clear rouletted 6%). Know of any others thus?

COLORADO. Ever seen L2 or 9 with perforations normal and an extra row down through the design? They exist. (I have 'em, so I know.)

The 20c liquor stamp and the 288oz. beer stamp both are at hand with the new secretary's signature—"L. J. Bennett." Same designs and colors as the previous "Morrison" stamps.

Listed Cheltham Stamp Co. at their new So. 18th Street headquarters, in the swankier section of Quaker town and spent several hours with Earl P. L. Apfelbaum discussing the Philie situation and stamps in general. His new quarters allow for his auctions which will resume in the fall and he plans to provide ample room for his large cover stock. His son, on vacation from school is now acting as his assistant and does a profitable business with youngsters, while Dad carries on with a fine stock of U. S. and foreign, and an extensive mail order business. Mr. Apfelbaum is a very active member of the local A. P. S. chapter and numbers most of the old line collectors as both friends and patrons.

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logue, and a complete line of greeting cards which they sell for half their catalogue. Understand Creed, now a member of the armed forces was wounded in Italy and hope he is able to return shortly in order to effect a switch on the discounts from stamps and greeting cards.

Spent a pleasant half hour with William Rabin who has an excellent general stock of the stamps of the world and does a brisk coin business. Reports summer business in this town is better than usual. Rabin is still another dealer who doesn't mind doing business with kids and that is definitely to his credit. He has them trained to ask for what they want, sells it to them, chats for a moment and has them on their way, pleased as to their purchase and their reception.—L. W. C.

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UNDER ARMY SUPERVISION

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occupation of leased bases it received its first test overseas.

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MODEL ON PHILATELIC DATA FOR P. O. DEPT.

Perhaps it may be because Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Department of the Interior is a thorough Philatelist, that a recent release from the Fish and Wildlife Service of this Department entitled "Philatelic Data on 1944-45 Duck Stamp" is

a stamp collector's dream of what Philatelic Information on all our postage stamps might be. At least we commend this circular to our Post Office Department as a model from which it might fashion news circulars and information on any and all new stamps as and when issued. The circular comes out of the Chicago Office of this branch of the Department and gives every evidence that the copy has been prepared by a man who thoroughly understands the wants and desires of the stamp collector and further than that, the circular shows that the Department appreciates the support stamp collectors have given by their purchases of these

Geo. W. Linn stamps. Cooperation of this nature with regard to all United States Postage and Revenue Stamps as well as all other issues is wholly practical and possible and with the heavy purchases of such stamps by collectors, we feel that collectors are fully entitled to this service and recommend that steps be taken to see that stamp issues are publicized in as thorough manner as is done in this circular.

In order that you who read this may have an opportunity to see the circular which is released under date of July 15th, we print the announcement complete in this issue as a news story.

ILL SEE YOU IN CHICAGO

Your editor is glad to announce that he will be able to spend a couple days at the S. P. A. Convention in Chicago. We have but little choice in this matter as time is the main factor and we have learned that we can get to and from Chicago in a few hours from here and while we had probably better stay home and try to keep caught up with our mail, we do feel that a few hours away from here are due us as our vacations over the past many years have all been snatched out of a few days in some week.

Reservations have been asked for at the LaSalle Hotel and we expect to spend our time chatting with old and new friends and readers of this publication. No bourse table will tie us down and we hope to have the opportunity of meeting many people whom we have not seen for several years past.

Our plans are set for arrival in Chicago sometime Friday evening and we expect to return to Sidney either Sunday afternoon or Monday morning.

POSTAGE STAMP PARADE

Joseph J. Goldberg, Editor

4735 N. Bernard St. Chicago, Illinois

ALGERIA—A new set has appeared showing the picture of Marianne, symbol of France. The stamps are lithographed, unwatermarked and perforated 12. They are inscribed "Republique Francaise" on top and "Poste Algerie" at the bottom. The denominations having reached this country so far are: 50c red, 30c light green, 1.20f rose violet, 1.50f dark blue, 2.40f rose red, 3f purple, 4.50f dark brown.

—Leon Monosson

BARBADOS—Postage. Copies of the 1d. of the current set have now been reported with perforation 14, and the 2½d. of the same issue is now appearing in a new shade of blue.

BRITISH GUIANA—War Printings. Two new stamps have been reported from London. One is the 3c., perforated 12½x 13½, and the other is the 9c. of the same set with similar perforations.

CEYLON—War Printing. A 2c., perforated 11½x11¾ has been noted.

—Serebrakian

COLOMBIA—1c. green, of the A-175 type has been reissued, unwatermarked, and with imprint "Columbian Bank Note Company." The 2c of type A155 has also been reissued and bears the same imprint.

—Leon Monosson

ICELAND—Commemorative postage. On June 17, 1944, an attractive set of 6 stamps was issued to mark the severing of the last formal bonds linking Iceland to Denmark. All of the stamps portray Jon Sigursson

(1811-79) who fought for the independence of his country. Values, colors and quantities are:



10 aurar — gray black (500,000)
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50 aurar — green (500,000)
1 Kroner — blue black (300,000)
5 Kroner — red brown (100,000)

10 Kroner — orange (50,000)

INDIA—Varieties. From London has come the new tete-beche pairs of the current 1a. GEORGE VI type. There have also been received color changes of the Gwalior ½a. and 9p. values; copies of India's 3p and ½a. over printed for Nabha; copies of the same basic set overprinted for Patiala on the 3p., ½a., 9p., 1a.3p. and 1½a., and a color change of the ½a. Patiala official.

NIGERIA—War Printing. Copies of the 2sh.6d., and 5sh. of the current issue have been noted perforated 13½.

PERSIA—Ten stamps of the pictorial set of 1942 have been reissued in new colors. The denominations are: 5d red orange (type A60), 10d peacock green (A61), 20d magenta (A62), 25d violet (A63), 50d emerald (A65), 2r sage green (A68), 5r light blue (A68), 10r dk. orange brown and black (A69), 20r orange and black (A69), and 30r emerald and black (A69). **SAVADAR**—Overprints. The Golden Gate air mails (C66-68)

N. Y. AUCTION DEALERS SUPPORT WAR FUND

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has also made a voluntary pledge of 1% of their sales. This pledge was without solicitation by members of the unit and is particularly noteworthy because of the splendid assistance already given by Mr. Harmer in selling stamps for this fund in previous sales and for donations of stamps to the fund.

The contribution of Philip H. Ward is also worthy of mention for although not a New York Dealer Mr. Ward has held sales in New York and has gladly given from his sales for the worthy cause.

Special mention should be made of the contribution of J. C. Morgenthau & Co., who, through the generosity of Mr. Norman Serphos, have based their contribution on the proceeds of a five session sale. This was a most comprehensive sale, featuring both United States and Foreign stamps, with many rare and high priced items. Others, too, have based their contribution on multiple session sales.

Also pledged to make a similar contribution are Alfons Stach Meghrig & Sons, and the Hobbs Stamp Co. whose donations will be based on sales yet to be held. Before the year has ended, there will be others who have joined this imposing list.

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It is far too little, merely to commend them. The Philatelic world can better show its appreciation in a more substantial manner, through more stimulated patronage of their sales. And, the drive has not ended. Other sales to be held in the months to come will be the quiet, unannounced means of helping our fighting men through the incomparable work of the American Red Cross.

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The New York group meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday, in the Philatelic Centre, at 505 Fifth Avenue. Other regional groups are organizing and will hold meetings.

Write to the Secretary, Jack Levine, 510 Liberty Avenue, Brooklyn 7, N. Y. for full particulars.

were overprinted in red. Overprint denominations are the same as (C66-88) but numbers are smaller. On June 21, 40,000 sets were placed on sale with new overprint.

SOUTH WEST AFRICA—Overprint. Copies of the 1sh. miniature issue have now been noted with the "S. W. A." overprint in smaller letters than heretofore used.

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May I take the opportunity to correct, with the author's indulgence, the article in Linn's Weekly Stamp News of July 13, under "Religion on Stamps".

Mr. Hoffberg is quite right about hearing much these days of Aryan and Non-Aryan, and then goes on to say what "Arianism" is, confusing it with "Arianism".

What he says about Arius is perfectly correct. He denied the divinity of Jesus Christ, and the Nicene Creed of the whole Catholic Church, stands out in protest against the statements of Arius and his followers.

Aryan on the other hand, is the name applied to the Caucasian race as opposed to the Semitic. Therefore Aryan means Caucasian, or as the German Philologists prefer, Indo-Germanic strain, while Non-Aryan includes the Semitic races of which the Jewish is a large component part.

Hitler has no use for the Non-Aryans, as they by his philosophy, are not to be compared with the Nordic stock of the Aryan peoples.

The stamp in question does show the Cross of Constantine who opposed Arius and Arianism, but it has nothing whatever to do with the discussion of Aryan—Non Aryan. The author has confused the spelling.

Rev. Clarence C. Silvester, Brattleboro, Vt.

PHILATELIC DATA ON 1944-45 DUCK STAMP

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artist and exhibit designer for the biology section of the Century of Progress Exposition. Following that he was a free lance artist until 1935 when he joined the National Park Service as a wildlife technician. For several years he served as Chief Scientific Illustrator with that agency in Washington, D. C. During that period Mr. Weber made the paintings and drawings for the books, "Fading Trails", and "Meeting the Mammals." Later he became assistant curator, Division of Birds, National Museum, Washington.

At present, Mr. Weber's work is chiefly for the National Geographic Magazine. The most notable series which have appeared to date in this magazine are "Deer of the World" and "Cats of the World." He resides in Vienna, Virginia.

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Hardly a day goes by but that someone submits copies of these stamps which they have found and which show varieties of interest to the finder. In a great many instances some suppose

varieties are of no interest or consequence because of their lack of anything that makes for variety. In other instances, real varieties are turned up, varieties that can not escape recognition in any list or catalogue of these stamps.

It is to be regretted that there are many collectors who have so little understanding of printing and lithographing that they are often misled by appearance which in no way can constitute a variety.

One of the chief ways in which many are misled into believing a stamp to be a variety is due to the imperfect register of the color printing. We frequently receive copies of, for example, the Czechoslovak stamp wherein the writer refers to a fine line of white color between the blue triangle and the red strip of the flag. This is by no means a variety and should not be so considered. Since the two colors are printed at different operations, a slight off register feeding of the sheet on either color might produce a fine line of white paper showing between the colors. In any color printing where two or more colors are printed on a sheet, one color may at times be a mite out of perfect register, yet this is not a variety in any manner. Such varieties might be likened to copies of the Pan-American series wherein the position of the center or black color varies a trifle from its natural position in the frame.

There are however many small minor varieties reported that are well worth saving by the specialist and while many of these will never find a place in the Scott Catalogue, they will be hunted for and kept by the thorough specialist.

Such varieties will be those where in the ball of the flag pole may be wholly or partly missing, varieties showing spots of color of a pronounced nature, varieties of extreme heavy print in some color of the flag, varieties of extreme heavy print in some color of the flag, varieties which show badly formed or defective lettering in the names. These are merely defective prints.

On the other hand, there are certain varieties which are distinct

How To Keep Up Interest In Your Stamp Club

A letter from Mr. Charles E. Hall, President of the South Bay Philatelic Society which is comprised of collectors in the South Bay Area of Southern California,

errors of printing. These would be the stamps with name doubled, stamps with double print of flag pole as in Greece, stamps with double print of any of the colors in the flags on any of the stamps, and this includes the black print as well, may be found double printed. The shifting may be minute, yet a clear double print and the best example of this minute shifting, making a double print that we have yet seen comes this week from Pvt. Wm. C. Stone Jr., of Fort Bragg, N. C. Mr. Stone submits a Yugoslav stamp which is a used copy but shows a distinct double printing of all of the black in the flag. The pole shows double and at the right edge of the flag the fine lines of black are clearly doubled.

At the same time Mr. Stone submits several other stamps but all are of the minor kind which we do not consider worthy of mention.

Readers of Linn's Weekly have reported more of the major minor varieties of these flag stamps than has been reported by readers of all other stamp publications combined. There is a reason for this for the many thousands of readers of this paper are thorough philatelists who are wide awake and who have an intense desire to study and learn about stamps.

It may be too early in the coming edition of the Specialized catalogue to put prices on these rare varieties that will reflect their real rarity and scarcity but watch them in future years and you will see some of these stamps listed among the rarities of United States issues.

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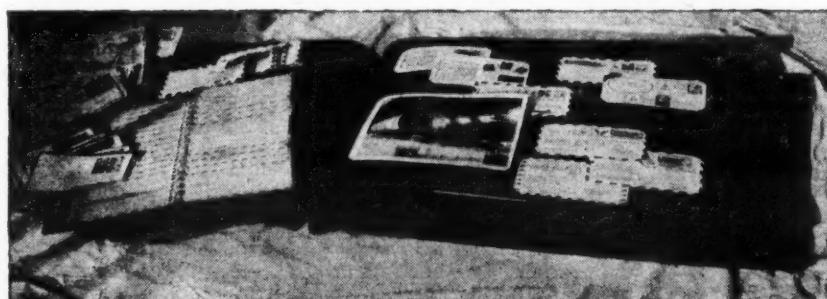
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Most Recent Discoveries In Flag Stamp Varieties

by John H. Engel

It was with great interest indeed that I read your front page article in the last issue of Linn's Weekly, whole #817, dealing with the recent find of the Denmark double print of flag. I am also greatly aware that your paper in particular shows a wide interest in this new line of US stamp collecting, which certainly should be worth some research work, and your courageous pioneering surely deserves the highest appreciation.

The reason why the American Bank Note Co. did not release any statements as yet Re the above, is very obvious indeed. Most probably there is not enough evidence as to the different kinds of material that had been used, such as various kinds of paper, gum, and even print, so that no definite statements can possibly be given out.

I on my part shall take the liberty and gladly contribute to the above. Please find herewith submitted the results of my research in which I have indulged of late. May I mention that all my submissions are based upon real thorough examinations and are far from being merely superficial comments. I was lucky enough to be in a position to examine thousands of sheets and single stamps which I received submitted by different sources, as well as from many collectors who gladly collaborated and submitted their material for my inspection.

Your article of June 29th mentioned the double print of script, found among the countries of Norway, Albania, Austria and Luxembourg. However, a few additional finds along this line of double print of name should be listed. They are: Czechoslovakia and Poland, furthermore traces of double print which could be found among the Belgian and Yugoslavian stamps.

In my new edition of the Flag Varieties Catalog which will appear during the month of August and include the flag stamps of Korea and Philippines, mention will be made also of the double print of black portions in the flag, in other words, all the parts which are printed in black appear in double print. Until now the following varieties in this line were found: Greece (which is mentioned in your article) which shows a double print of the flag pole, and Netherlands, where not only the flag pole but also the shading lines appear in double print.

Collectors have been interested in late mostly in the different kinds of paper and gum. Finds which were recently made, concern so-called ridge gum which shows vertical lines close together, on the back of the stamp, which mostly always cover the entire stamp. So far no ridged gum could be found on Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands and Poland. Frequently, however, it could be found on Austria and Denmark, and seldom on Greece.

I should also like to mention that many countries of the Flag stamp series show a striking difference in color. The above difference in color will be termed TRIAL COLOR or FIRST PRINTINGS, and a few details may be found below. It is my conviction that in the beginning but a limited quantity of the respective countries had been printed which did not quite correspond with the original color of the flags of these countries. There we have, e. g. Austria, where the Trial color is dull rose instead of red, furthermore Belgium, which is deep car-

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The countries of France, Luxembourg, Poland and Yugoslavia should be discriminated as to their different printing procedures, which proves to be a very interesting factor. The first printings were done in the following manner: the color of the flag was printed over the black shading lines, thus covering same so that at times no shading lines can be discerned in the colored portions of the flag. Only later on the American Bank Note Co. printed the color in the first and the shading lines in the second instance, in an uniform manner, so that the shading lines appeared more obvious.

I trust that the above descriptions will give a rough picture of the main lines along the flag varieties. It will be superfluous to mention that in addition innumerable other constant misprints could be found, however, to avoid dragging the subject into further details, I listed but the varieties of which I myself saw at least 10 absolutely identical copies. All the others are and will remain incidental misprints and not interesting to the collector, no matter how obvious those incidental misprints might appear, unless such a misprint should show an important error during the printing procedure as e.g. the double print of Denmark mentioned in your recent article.

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Four Latin-American collections brought interesting prices in the U.S.-foreign-airmail sale held July 10-12 by H. R. Harmer, Inc., 32 E. 57th St., New York 22.

Elliott Perry of Westfield, N. J., paid \$245 for a specialized collection of over 700 Costa Rica stamps of the first type and first type surcharges.

John L. Stroub, the Nicaragua specialist, paid \$370 for a specialized collection of 660 Nicaragua of the first type only, including 58 plate proofs and color trials, reprints, postmarks, blocks, etc.

A very fine collection of Salvador, consisting of 525 stamps of the 1867-74 issues, also went to Mr. Perry, for \$310. And a Venezuela collection of 710 stamps (1859-1923) was sold for \$70.

A magnificent and unusual collection of 1,900 of Russia's Wrangel issues realized \$330. This lot included no less than 85 of the rare covers bearing these issues. The 111 lots of U. S. and British Colonials, donated to raise funds for the Pestalozzi Foundation which is endeavoring to feed Eur-

ope's hungry children, brought \$1,390.

Eight sheets of different U. S. flag stamps, lacking Albania, Austria, Denmark, France sold for \$24.50 (face \$20).

The rare 3c rose of 1861 with double impression (U. S. No. 65f, used), which catalogues \$1,000, sold for \$104. The stamp was slightly stained and had a 2mm tear. Mr. H. F. Harmer attributes the comparative lowness of this price to the American collector's pronounced preference for superb material, and believes that a similar variety of a British stamp, of similar rarity, would bring from one-half to one-third catalogue if sold in England.

On the second day of this sale, when a foreign "R to Z" collection, mostly blocks of four, was dispersed, three lots of such unused blocks brought noteworthy prices: The St. Helena 1934 Centenary set, \$147. Saar 1928 Charity set, complete, \$291. Saar 1932 Volkshilfe set, some damaged, \$120.

The foreign airmails, sold on the third day, realized \$4,837. Half a dozen of the better prices follow:

Cameroons, first and second Spitfire issues, unhinged, \$72 and \$65. Costa Rica, Pan-American Health Day set in blocks of four, \$138. Finland's 1930 Graf Zeppelin issue in block of nine including "1830" error, \$140. Germany, 1931 Polar Flight 1m to 4m, blocks of four, heavily hinged, \$100. Romania, 1930 commemorative set in blocks of four, \$88.

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N. E. A.

At irregular intervals I have mentioned the N. E. A. overprints that are found on Cleveland precancels both bureau prints and city types. During my gasless vacation I sorted over my accumulation of the past five years and mounted one stamp of each variety. I was surprised to find that I had over 400 varieties, 431 to be exact. I don't suppose that is a record of any kind but I am kinda' proud of them. In looking over the pages you note the progression of certain things such as the passing of the old bureau prints and the coming of the Presidents. I have at least one stamp every month from July 1938 through to January 1944. I have not studied the things minutely but I did note that in November 1943 the date was of a smaller size type than the NEA and Month. This was also true of December and January 1944. The overprints exist on the old type 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, and 17c bureau prints and the old 15c city type. No old 15c bureau shows up in my collection although they should have been common. The first Presidential was a 15c city type in December 1939. Other Presidential values to show up have been the 6c, only one of them, however, 10c and 14c. There are a few inverts of the 10c value. The 14c old style bureaus seemed to play out in December of 1942 as I have a bureau and a Presidential city type both for that month. No more 14c bureaus after that. June 1940 is the first Special Delivery to show up in the collection then it skips to February 1941 and then they appear regularly thereafter. In April 1941 I have a Special Delivery reading diagonally up. I had a 7c bureau with two different month dates on it but traded it off. The overprint reads either up or down with neither way predominating generally and on the 17c items either normal or inverted. The imprint reads either up or down on the

Special Delivery items. If I am not misinformed N. E. A. stands for Newspaper Enterprise Association. Am I right? I would like to hear from the readers if they have any of these as I believe these will be among the most interesting of the DATED OVER-PRINTS.

ter mailed by airmail from California on which a 10c War Savings stamp had been placed for postage. The stamp is properly canceled but the cover bears 8c postage due, thus invalidating the stamp.

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Still other sections will deal with such things as types of printing: engraved typographed, lithographed, type set, rotary press work, photogravure, etc., also papers used in printing such as laid, wove, pelure, native papers, etc.

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